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SEWAGE SPILL IN CARLSBAD WATER CONTACT CLOSURE FOR SOUTH CARLSBAD STATE BEACH

An estimated 45,500-gallon spill of treated and untreated sewage occurred early this morning on Corintia Street in Carlsbad. The spill, which was caused by a power failure at the Meadowlark Water Reclamation Facility between 12:30 AM and 1:10 AM, flowed into San Marcos Creek, which flows to Batiquitos Lagoon and ultimately to the ocean at South Carlsbad State Beach. Signs warning of sewage contaminated water have been posted on both sides of the Batiquitos Lagoon outlet at South Carlsbad State Beach and will remain posted until sample results indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the spill, please call Vallecitos Water District at 760-744-0460.

For updates call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073 OR log on to www.earth911.org , enter your zip code and select 'Beach Water Quality'.

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